Houses for Urban Poor in UP

2626. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed for urban poor people in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of houses allotted to the people in the State;

(c) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for Uttar Pradesh for construction of houses for urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject. Government of India acts only as a facilitator and not as a provider. However, Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a public sector enterprise under this Ministry, provides housing finance to various State agencies for housing schemes including those for the weaker sections of the society. HUDC© provides housing finances based on demand driven approach. It is for State agencies to submit project proposals for the assistance from HUDCO, according to their requirements.

As far as HUDCO is concerned, it has sanctioned 3, 17, 218 residential dwelling units in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Out of this, 2,60,278 dwelling units (82%) are meant for Economically Weaker Sections and Low-Income Group families.

(c) and (d) The Central Government have adopted the National Housing & Habitat Policy, 1998 which envisages Central Government's role as an enabler rather than builder. Under the Two Million Housing Programme, in Uttar Pradesh, HUDCO has so far sanctioned 1,69,322 dwelling units from 1998-99 to 2002-2003 for Economically Weaker Sections in urban areas against the cumulative target of 1,82,430 dwelling units (annual target is 36,486 dwelling units).